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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: STELLA, Valentino et al.
SERIAL No.: 09/131,385 GROUP: 1614
FILED: August 7, 1998 EXAMINER: C. Aulakh
FOR: WATER SOLUBLE PRODRUGS OF HINDERED ALCOHOLS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 21, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 21, 1999, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to March 21, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). Line 3, please insert --a-- after the word "of" and delete the phrase "an alcohol-containing or".

Claim 8 (Amended). Line 3, please insert --a-- after the word "of" and delete the phrase "an alcohol-containing or".

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